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Lee Withers

TOWN COUNCIL
Arthur Heggins
Brandon Linn
Rodney Phillips
Charles Seaford
Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, November 06, 2018
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Withers called the regular meeting of November 6th, 2018 to order and ask George Miller to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Withers called roll. All council members were present. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Linn amended the agenda with the addition of a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss Economic Development. Mr. Stroud made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from the October 2nd, 2018 regular meeting
- b) Approve Minutes from the October 2nd, 2018 closed session
- c) Adopt Ordinance 2018-11 To close streets for the Southern Rowan Christmas Parade
- d) Adopt Ordinance 2018-12 Amending Chapter 58 Vehicles and Traffic
- e) Adopt Resolution Requesting to be Exempt from the Cap on Satellite Annexation
- f) Adopt Resolution Authorizing Facsimile Signatures

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Withers recognized Ann Barber with Troup 443. Mrs. Barber stated she would like to introduce two scouts that are working on merit badges. She stated they are required for Eagle and are Layton Barbara and George Miller.

Mayor Withers recognized Ron Crider with the EDC. Mr. Crider thanked the Board for all their support.

CITIZEN COMMENT
None

PUBLIC HEARING

- I) Acquire Real Estate for purpose of Economic Development

Mr. Deal stated Andrew Manus offered to give two parcels of property on South Main Street to the town. He stated the address is 911 South Main Street and are Rowan County Tax Parcels 104 109 and 104 135.

Mayor Withers opened the public hearing.

There was no comment.

Mayor Withers closed the public hearing.

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the acquisition of certain property owned by Andrew and Bonnie Manus, at 911 South Main Street also known as Rowan County Tax Parcels 104 109 and 104 135. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Brooke stated Mr. Manus has already signed the deed and it will be recorded this week.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

I) Fire Department

Chief Zimmerman stated October was a very busy month. He stated letters have been sent out for installation of Knox boxes into businesses. He stated there are currently 27 installed.

II) Police Department

Chief Deal stated the two new cars have been outfitted and he has one out back if the Council would like to take a look. He stated they will be transferring one of the cars to Code Enforcement and will keep one for a spare car.

III) Public Works

Mr. Ketner stated we have been extremely busy with brush. He stated we will continue to follow the ordinance and pick up what they can. He stated there was a sink hole on Walnut Street they have been working on since Monday morning. He stated paving on Swink Street has had some setbacks and we continue to work with SRU on the water line. He stated leave collect started in October and we are on schedule.

IV) Administration

Mr. Deal stated in the packet there is more information on the budget. He stated this was a request from Mr. Seaford. He stated also included is a monthly contract list. He stated he has received a lot of compliments on the renovations to the Community Building since residents were able to view it today while they voted. He stated the Main Street drain has cleared up the issues and there is funds from NCDOT to install another catch basin in front of Bella's.

a) Event Coordinator

Ms. Price stated the parade is two weeks from today and there are 115 entries. She stated she has begun to work on Christmas in the Grove. She stated the Tree Lighting is December 1st in Hanna Park.

b) Code Enforcement

Mr. Deal stated there is a lot of violations going on and he is working on them as best he can.

V) SRU

Mr. Wilson stated the contractors will be back shortly to complete the lining project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Deal stated the regular scheduled meeting in January falls on the 1st and Town Hall is closed that day. He asked the Council consider rescheduling the meeting.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to reschedule the January 1st, 2019 meeting to January 8th, 2019. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

I) Economic Development – General Statute 143-318.11. (a) (4)

Mr. Linn made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:04 pm pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss Economic Development. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:04 pm. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Lee Withers
Mayor